

marriage.¹ Garnier quotes a law of 1547 (I Ed. VI, c. 3), in which a vilein is mentioned as a slave. " Long after this date there are mentioned instances of a slave's emancipation, and such philanthropic writers as Fitzherbert lament the possibility of slavery⁷ and its actual existence, as a disgrace both to legislation and religion." ²

309. Slavery in America. In the Anglo-American colonies which did not have a plantation system for tobacco or indigo the great reason for slavery was to hold the laborer to the place where the owner wanted him to work. In New England the negro slave lived in close intimacy with his owner and the latter's sons. In Connecticut he was allowed to go to the table with the family, " and into the dish goes the black hoof as freely as the white hand." ⁸ In that colony the creditor might require the debtor, by a law of 1650, to pay by service, and might sell his due service to any one of the English nation. The law remained in force into the nineteenth century.⁴

310. Colonial slavery. France reopened the slave trade by a law of May 20, 1802. One of the reasons for this law submitted by Buonaparte to the legislature was : "The commercial prosperity of France renders it necessary that a certain quantity of the produce of the country, in wine and cereals, should be sent to the Antilles for consumption by the blacks. Now these negroes, were they free, would prefer manioc to wheat, and the juice of the sugar cane to our wines. It is, therefore, indispensable that they should be slaves." ⁵

311. Slavery preferred by slaves. It appears, therefore, that the subjection of one man's muscles and nerves to another man's will has been in the mores of all people from the begin-

ning of human societal organization until now.
Now it exists,
as an institution, only in barbarism and half-
civilization. In
English North Borneo slavery is traditional. Any
slave may be
free for ⁴, "but in most cases they have been
brought up
as ordinary members of the family, and have no
wish to leave

¹ *Utopia* II, 132, 144, 147.
(1704).

² *Brit. Peasantry*, 71.
372.

⁸ Mad. Knight's *Journey*

⁴ Hildreth, *Hist. U. S.*, I,

⁵ Fauriel, *Last Days of the Consulate*, 31.